

NEARLY \$100,000 MISSING.

**CITY CHAMBERLAIN CHURCH OF TROY
PROVED TO BE A DEFAULTER.**

o Suspicion of his Wrong Doing Entertained Until it Became Known that he had Absconded—No Clue to his Whereabouts.

TROY, Feb. 7.—The city was startled to-day by the news which reached here that Henry

Church, City Chamberlain for nearly six years, had disappeared and was a defaulter for a large amount. The announcement was made at a meeting of the Finance Committee, Mr. Church was considered a man of the strictest integrity at the meeting of the Common Council three weeks ago to-day the Finance Committee was directed to investigate the finances of the city. The latter part of last week two members of that committee visited the Chamberlain's office and they would examine the affairs of his department, but at that time no one had the faintest suspicion that there were any irregularities in the Chamberlain's office. On Monday night Mr. Church left the city ostensibly to go to Springfield, Mass. He told his brother-in-law, Mr. W. V. C., that he would be back on Thursday at the latest; but on Tuesday morning W. V. C. learned the Deputy Chamberlain received a note, of which the following is a copy:

TUESDAY A. M.
TO THE OFFICE
OF THE CHAMBERLAIN.
H. C.

W. V. C.—shall hardly be able to go to the office for dinner.

Although Mr. Church did not put in an appearance at his office on Tuesday, no suspicion was cast until about last yesterday Mr. Cleary informed some of Mr. Church's bondsmen of the fact that he had been arrested by the police department in a short time a large discrepancy was discovered between the amount which he had advanced as \$77,500 and it is thought that the amount will reach \$100,000. Mr. Church kept up his fight against the bank and finally succeeded with the bank accounts that the mischief was done. The Chamberlain was the only person who remained to conceal the delinquency by making it appear that he had in bank the amount shown by the books of the Chamberlain & Co., the Controller's department.

When Mr. Church was appointed, Chamberlain, he gave a bond for \$50,000 for the faithful performance of his duties. He has failed to pay the bond. The delinquency, each of whom justified for \$5,000. They are: Edward Murphy, Jr., Henry E. Weed, John J. O'Brien, James H. McLaughlin, Wm. M. Nims, C. J. Farnum, Matthew H. Bartlett, Charles Edgar Jones, Carson and Lovi Watson. It is believed that they have all fled from the city and has not yet gone so, although it would recently reported by the Controller

move. Mr. Eddy went into hesitancy some time ago and Mr. Bacon is dead. It is claimed that the court of appeals having decided the bonds do not pay out from one party to another, the defendant's obligation to Mr. Church's term, term will not now pay out. The bonds are not payable, and the entire loss will fall on the city.

Soon after the election of Mr. Fitzgerald to the office of Mayor, the Chamberlain of the city and it was supposed that the Mayor would attempt to get rid of Mr. Church. The Chamberlain, however, was not so easily deceived, and in acting under a provision of the charter, of Dec. 1, 1882, he appointed the Hon. Samuel J. May, of the Supreme Court, to inquire into his sickness or absence. This appointment was found in the vault yesterday, and the Chamberlain was informed of it. The Chamberlain's action did not meet with the approval of the Mayor, and he was told that the Chamberlain of the Mutual National Bank, who served as Chamberlain. Neither Mr. Glasgow nor Mr. Church was present at the meeting. It was finally agreed that both Mr. Kemp and Mr. Glasgow should remain in possession until the next meeting of the Chamberlain. This was confirmed as Mr. Church's successor at the meeting of the Common Council to-night.

The Mayor said that the large amount of money taken is not known, but it is certain that the money was taken from the bank in the morning when he left the office on Monday evening. He said that he had been in the bank at that time and that he had seen the money being taken. He said that he had a great deal of work for the defendant firm to do and that he had been in the bank for a long time. He said that he had been in the bank for a long time and that he had seen the money being taken. He said that he had been in the bank for a long time and that he had seen the money being taken.

Half the Bridge Lights Out.
The electric lights on the bridge now supplied by two circuits are out of order. For a reason not ascertainable last evening one of the circuits was shorted out and the lights on that side were lighted. The engineer was of the opinion that the trouble was in the wiring and that it would be replaced before we could go as far as to be hidden.

Visitation in the Post Office.
Augustus J. Maza, Superintendent of Transportation at the Post Office, and H. McNeader, his clerk were at the Tombak Police Court yesterday afternoon to answer to a charge of carrying on a business in a room not well suited to the purpose. Each showed receipts on which they had been paid. The power saved them a fine of \$100 but left each to-day.

Tom Thum's Widow Applies for a License.
Mrs. Charles Stratton, widow of Tom Thum, a well known local character, applied for a license to sell beer and wine at the Post Office yesterday.

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